

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Inventors: | Keith Eric Neuendorff and Philippe J. Daniel | | |
| Assignee: | Cisco Technology, Inc. | | |
| Title: | GENERATION OF SYNCHRONOUS TRANSPORT SIGNAL DATA USED FOR NETWORK PROTECTION OPERATION | | |
| Application No.: | 10/725,709 | Filing Date: | December 2, 2003 |
| Examiner: | Dmitry Levitan | Group Art Unit: | 2616 |
| Docket No.: | CIS0015C1US | Confirmation No.: | 4737 |

Austin, Texas
May 5, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 5, 2009, having a shortened statutory period expiring on April 5, 2009. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time, setting a new time for response of May 5, 2009. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 11** of this paper.